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FOL TEL SENT SAIGON FROM NHA TRANG MAY 16 RPTD FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NHA TRANG 0513

E. O. 11 652: GDS

TAGS: PINT PINS MILI VS

SUBJECT: MR 2 DAILY SIT REP, MAY 16

1. SECURITY SITUATION: IN STILL ANOTHER DAY OF LIGHT ACTIVITY IN MR 2, ARVN REGIONAL BRIEFERS REPORT NINE INCIDENTS DURING THE PAST 24 HOUR PERIOD. BINH DINH AGAIN BORE THE BRUNG OF THE ACTION. OTHER INCIDENTS WERE SCATTERED ACROSS PHU YEN, NINH THUAN, AND KONTUM PROVINCES. ENEMY GROUND ATTACKS IN NORTHERN BINH DINH WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARGE PREPONDERANCE OF CASUALTIES. OF A TOTAL OF 22 ENEMY KIA'S THROUGHOUT THE REGION, 19 WERE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE NORTHERN BINH DINH ACTIVITY, WHILE THE REMAINING THREE OCCURRED IN PHU YEN. RVNAF CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD WERE LIGHT, AMOUNTING TO TWO KIA AND THREE WIA.

2. VC IN KONTUM ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 15 SUCCEEDED IN SHOOTING DOWN A VNAF PLANE NORTHEAST OF KONTUM CITY (AR 810890). THE PLANE, WHICH WAS RESPONDING TO A REPORT OF A VC SIGHTING
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IN THE AREA, WAS FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING. ONE CREW MEMBER WAS WOUNDED AND THE PLANE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

3. PLEIKU RRO REPORTS THAT RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN PLEIKU HAS INCLUDED NVA TRAINING OF LOCAL GUERRILLA UNITS IN WESTERN LE TRUNG DISTRICT. ENEMY TANKS WERE ALSO SIGHTED IN SEVERAL AREAS OF NORTHERN THANH AN DISTRICT.

4. VICTORY DAY IN KONTUM: KONTUM CITY CELEBRATED MAY 14 IN COMMEMORATION OF LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF THE CITY FROM NVA/ VC ATTACKS. PARADES, EQUIPMENT DISPLAYS AND A CEREMONY MARKED THE OCCASION. THE ICCS WAS INVITED TO ATTEND BY THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS DECLINED AND THE OTHER TWO DELEGATIONS DECIDED THEY COULD NOT ATTEND IF THEIR EAST EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES DID NOT PARTICIPATE.

5. DIFFICULTIES AT KON GU: THE PEOPLE WHO FLED KON GU RESETTLEMENT CAMP NEAR KONTUM CITY ON MAY 13 (NHA TRANG DAILY 507, PARA 2) ARE REFUSING TO RETURN TO THE RESETTLEMENT AREA.

6. DALAT REFORMATORY TO CHANGE ROLE: TUYEN DUC POLOFF REPORTS THAT THE DALAT REFORMATORY, IN OPERATION SINCE 1971 AS A NATIONAL DETENTION CENTER FOR VIET CONG MINORS (UNDER 18) IS IN THE PROCESS OF CLOSING DOWN AS A POLITICAL CORRECTIONS CENTER. OF THE OVER 500 VC YOUTH HELD UNTIL RECENTLY, 370 HAVE BEEN SENT TO OTHER CENTERS IN SAIGON AND DANANG. ANOTHER GROUP WILL SOON LEAVE FOR BINH DINH. FROM THESE CENTERS THESE YOUTHS WILL GRADUALLY BE RELEASED. THOSE WHOSE RELEASE WAS DELAYED BY LAST YEAR'S OFFENSIVE WILL BE FREED IMMEDIATELY. THE OTHERS WILL FINISH THEIR TERMS AND BE RELEASED LATER, BUT ABOUT 40 HARD-CORE VC WITH LONG SENTENCES WILL BE RETAINED IN SAIGON.

7. THE DALAT CENTER ITSELF WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WILL MOST LIKELY SERVE AS A CONVENTIONAL YOUTH VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER.

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